

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/551,839 Confirmation No. : 4231
First Named Inventor : Akiyasu NOZUE et al.
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Examiner : Thomas C. Diaz
Docket No. : 080306.56872US
Customer No. : 23911
Title : Rotation Mechanism for Construction Machine and Method
of Measuring Backlash in the Mechanism

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

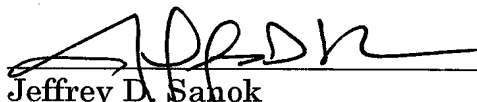
In response to the restriction requirement dated June 19, 2008 Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-4, which the Examiner alleges is drawn to a swing mechanism. Applicants reserve their right to file a divisional application directed toward the non-elected claims.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #080437.56872US).

Respectfully submitted,

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